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Mono

Bodie

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Bodie-General (CAL-1918)

Structure

History: One of most notable Ghost Towns of the West. Gold discovered by Wm. Bodey July 1859. Placer mining until rich veins were discovered in mid '70s. By 1879 population was 10-12000. Name changed to Bodie. Located at 8300 ft. elevation in remote area. Became one of the wildest mining towns in West. Estimated 90-100 million in gold and silver produced in area before final desertion in late 1940s. Site of first ever long distance transmission of electricity. Most famous mine was

see also master photo-

"Standard" which was taken
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over by J.S.Cain Co. in 1915 as a result of a lawsuit. Many famous people connected with mines at Bodie. Fires of 1892 and 1932 laid waste the business district which was never rebuilt. Bodie acquired by State of California as a State Park in 1962. A Registered Nat. Historic Landmark. Description: Buildings of wood frame, weather beaten and falling to ruins. Buildings, universally of same general character; of materials, trim and mouldings of similar classic revival detail. Prime example of hastily built mining camp.

References: The Story of Bodie - Ella M. Cain. Map of Bodie townsite, 1880 - Mono County Surveyor.

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